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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

May 23, 2023

MR. NOAH SCHEER



FOIPA Request No.: 1577030-000
Subject: ROME, HAROLD JACOB

Dear Mr. Scheer:

The FBI has completed its review of records subject to the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) that are responsive to your request. The enclosed documents were reviewed under the FOIPA, Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemption boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

Section 552

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9 pages were reviewed and 6 pages are being released.

Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

Based on the information you provided, we conducted a main and reference entity record search of the Central Records System (CRS) per our standard search policy. For more information about records searches and the standard search policy, see the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum General Information Section.

This is the **final release** of information responsive to your FOIPA request. This material is being provided to you at no charge.

Enclosed are cross-references that are identifiable with the subject of your request. Cross-references are defined as mentions of the subject of your request in files to other individuals, organizations, events, or activities. In processing the cross-references, the pages considered for possible release included only those pages that mention the subject of your request and any additional pages showing the context in which the subject of your request was mentioned.

Duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.

Records that may have been responsive to your request were destroyed. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1228; Title 44, United States Code, Section 3310 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1229.10.

A record that may be responsive to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request has been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). If you wish to review these records, submit a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to NARA, Special Access and FOIA, 8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Please reference the following file numbers:

- 100-HQ-232582
- 100-NY-99562
- 100-HQ-35543
- 100-HQ-7322-A

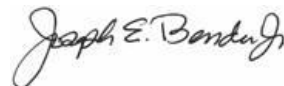
Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. **"Part 1"** of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. **"Part 2"** includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. **"Part 3"** includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

Additional information about the FOIPA can be found at www.fbi.gov/foia. Should you have questions regarding your request, please feel free to contact foipaquestions@fbi.gov. Please reference the FOIPA Request number listed above in all correspondence concerning your request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by emailing the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison at foipaquestions@fbi.gov. The subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,



Joseph E. Bender, Jr.
Acting Section Chief
Record/Information Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosures

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Confidential Informant Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of confidential informant records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552 (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F)] and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552a (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records would reveal confidential informant identities and information, expose law enforcement techniques, and endanger the life or physical safety of individuals. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches and Standard Search Policy.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems, such as the Central Records System (CRS), or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. The CRS is an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. The standard search policy is a search for main entity records in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include a search for reference entity records, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files.
 - a. *Main Entity Records* – created for individuals or non-individuals who are the subjects or the focus of an investigation
 - b. *Reference Entity Records*- created for individuals or non-individuals who are associated with a case but are not known subjects or the focus of an investigation
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Foreseeable Harm Standard.** As amended in 2016, the Freedom of Information Act provides that a federal agency may withhold responsive records only if: (1) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one of the nine exemptions that FOIA enumerates, or (2) disclosure is prohibited by law (5 United States Code, Section 552(a)(8)(A)(i)). The FBI considers this foreseeable harm standard in the processing of its requests.
- (iv) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative “FBI file.” An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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DATE: JUN 21 1966

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka [REDACTED]
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Re New York letter dated 5/6/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM captioned as above, setting forth information concerning the subject's attendance at a party given by HAROLD TAYLOR.

The enclosed LHM is classified "confidential" since it reflects investigative interest [redacted]

NY T-1 mentioned in the LHM is

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All the above information was initially set forth in NY 100-125703 ~~(HAROLD TAYLOR)~~

NY T-4 is the [REDACTED] NYC.

NY T-5 is the Bureau of Special Services, NYCPD, who was contacted by SA AUGUST J. MICEK. The above information was initially set forth in NY 100-99562 (HAROLD JACOB ROME).

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In referenced letter it was stated that the subject and his wife attended a party at the residence of HAROLD TAYLOR. The subject and his wife were in attendance at this party for approximately three hours. During this time a number of persons were observed to depart and some entered automobiles bearing New York plates 7N2702 and [redacted]

HAROLD TAYLOR has been identified and a synopsis was set forth in referenced New York letter.

The identities of the SAS conducting the surveillances whereby the subject was observed entering the TAYLOR residence, are maintained in the [redacted]

On 5/3/66, IC FREDERICK L. HOGAN (Albany Office) checked the records at the Department of Motor Vehicles and Mrs. [redacted] furnished the following information for New York license 7N2702:

Name	HAROLD J. ROME
Address	1035 Fifth Avenue, NYC
Date of Birth	5/27/08
Business	Self-employed
	1035 Fifth Avenue, NYC
Automobile	1963 Red Volvo Sedan

On 5/5/66, Mrs. [redacted] furnished the driver's license record for ROME which contained the following:

Name	HAROLD J. ROME
Address	1035 Fifth Avenue, NYC
Date of Birth	5/27/08
Height	5'9"
Eyes	Brown
Miscellaneous	Wears Glasses
Identification Number	R1547796018523697

On 5/19/66, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Greater New York furnished the record for HAROLD J. ROME to IC [redacted]

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In the United States House Committee on Un-American Activities report for September and October, 1944, Appendix 9, Page 1202, there appeared a list of sponsors of the NCASF Congress held in November, 1943, in New York City, among whom was listed Harold J. Rome.

A bulletin publicly issued by the NCASF dated January, 1944, lists Harold J. Rome as a sponsor. According to the NCASF bulletin, Volume 1, Number 15, Harold J. Rome was listed as a member of the Council from July to August, 1944.

In the "Daily Worker" of November 12, 1944, Page 8, Column 4, Section 2, it was indicated that Harold J. Rome was a sponsor of a United States-Soviet Friendship Celebration in New York City, scheduled for November 16, 1944.

According to NY T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, the "Daily Worker" of February 13, 1940, contained [REDACTED] in the "What's On" column to the effect that Harold Rome would be taking part in the Spanish Prisoners Review, which would be held at the Mecca Temple on Sunday, February 25, 1940, under the auspices of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. (VALB).

The VALB has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The records of the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, Albany, New York, reflect that the 1966 New York license plate [REDACTED] is assigned to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] business address is listed as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The records show his date of birth as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He is described as [REDACTED]

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File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
June 21, 1966

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[REDACTED]
On March 23, 1966, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed the subject and his wife, [REDACTED] enter 241 West 12th Street, New York City, at 6:55 PM. The subject and his wife remained at this residence until 10:09 PM, whereupon they departed with several other persons and were not thereafter observed. It is noted that from the activities which were observed at this address, it appeared that a party or some type of social function was in progress.

During the period which [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were in attendance at 241 West 12th Street, Special Agents of the FBI observed several people depart the residence. Some of these people entered automobiles and 1966 New York License plates 7N2702 [REDACTED] were subsequently noted.

241 West 12th Street, New York City, is the residence of Harold Taylor.

"Who's Who In America", Volume 33, 1964-1965 edition, lists Harold Taylor, Educator, as having been born in Toronto, Canada, on September 28, 1914. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree at the University of Toronto in 1935; his Master of Arts Degree of Philosophy and Literature in 1936 and his Doctor of Philosophy from [REDACTED]
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In 1964, NY T-3 advised on February 3, 1964, that Dr. Harold Taylor acted as Chairman of a rally sponsored by the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) at the Roosevelt Hotel, Madison Avenue and 45th Street, New York City. The source stated that Dr. Taylor in his opening remarks, discussed the long history of the SCEF and emphasized the work of the SCEF in the field of civil rights.

✓ A characterization of the SCEF is attached.

The records of the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, Albany, New York, reflect that the 1966 New York license plate 7N2702 is assigned to Harold J. Rome, 1035 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Rome is described as having been born May 27, 1908, 5'9" in height and having brown eyes. He is shown as being self employed with business address 1035 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Harold Rome
According to "Who's Who in America", Volume 34, 1966-1967, Harold Jacob Rome was born in Hartford, Connecticut, on May 27, 1908, the son of Louis and Ida (Aronson) Rome. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Yale University in 1929; attended Yale Law School from 1928 to 1930; and received a degree from the Yale School of Architecture in 1934. He married Florence Miles on February 3, 1939. He is employed as a composer and lyricist and is shown to have provided material for such shows as the Ziegfeld Follies (1943) and "Destry Rides Again." Rome served in the United States Army from March, 1943 to October, 1945.

Rome
On April 2, 1943, NY T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Harold J. Rome was a sponsor of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Incorporated. (NCASF)

The NCASF has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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As of 1/19/63, the credit record was in the name of Mrs. HAROLD ROME, 1035 Fifth Avenue, NYC, with the bank noted the Irving Trust Bank. No other information was available.

The Bureau of Criminal Identification, NYCPD, was unable to furnish any information concerning ROME.

On 5/31/66, the records at the Bureau of Special Services, NYCPD, were checked by SA AUGUST J. MICEK and it was noted that these records contained no information since 1949.

A check of the NYO Indices revealed that HAROLD JACOB ROME aka Harold J. Rome, 1035 Fifth Avenue, NYC, is the subject of BU file 100-232582 and NY 100-99562.

A review of this file reflects that ROME was born on 5/27/08 at Hartford, Connecticut. His parents were both born in the USSR. ROME was placed on the SI on 1/23/52, and deleted 9/13/55. He was tabbed Detcom 12/19/52 and deleted 3/7/55. He has been assigned FBI Identification Number 260470B.

Appropriate checks were conducted for NY [REDACTED] at the Department of Motor Vehicles, Albany, New York, by IC FREDERICK L. HOGAN (Albany Office) and it was determined that this number was registered to [REDACTED]. The following [REDACTED] pertinent information was obtained concerning [REDACTED]

Legal Address
Alternate Address

Business Address

Date of Birth
Height
Eyes

New York Indices are negative regarding [REDACTED]

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